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9. (Amended) A content playback method comprising the steps of:

when playing back content recorded on a recording medium by means of the file management method according to claim 2, extracting a content file from said recording medium; and

when there is in said content file a link specification to a file included in the same package as that in which said content is included, specifying a link destination content file using [the] said content file group management file [according to claim 1].

10. (Amended) The content playback method according to claim 9, further comprising the step of, when there is in said content file a link specification to a file included in a different package from that in which said content is included, specifying a link destination content file using [the] said package management file [according to claim 1] and [the] said link resolution file [according to claim 2].

13. (Amended) A content playback apparatus for playing back content from said recording medium on which a content file is recorded by the content recording apparatus according to claim 12, said content playback apparatus comprising:

content file acquiring means for extracting a content file from said recording medium; and

link resolving means for, when there is in said content file a link specification to a file included in the same package as that in which said content is included, specifying a link destination content file using [the] said content file group management file [according to claim 11].

14. (Amended) The content playback apparatus according to claim 13, wherein, when there is in s specification to a file included in a different package from that in which said content is included, said link resolving means specifies a link destination content file using [the] said package management file [according to claim 11] and [the] said link resolution file [according to claim 12].

18. (Amended) A content playback program that, in order to play back content from a recording medium on which a content file is recorded by the content recording apparatus according to claim 12, causes a computer to function as:

content file acquiring means for extracting a content file from said recording medium; and

19. (Amended) The content playback program according to claim 18 for, when there is in said content file a link specification to a file included in a different package from that in which said content is included, further causing said link resolving means to function as means for specifying a link destination content file using [the] said package management file [according to claim 11] and [the] said link resolution file [according to claim 12].